

## **New York State Council on the Arts Annual Report 1983-84. Reports by Film and Media Programs**

Total Local Assistance Awards: \$31,993,080, Media: \$1,173,000

### **MEDIA PROGRAM**

Director: John Giancola

Program Analyst: Arthur Tsuchiya

The Media Program's constituents are concerned with the creation and dissemination of the electronic arts. Throughout the Council's years of support to the medium, this new art form has gained steadily increasing recognition. In the past year, the Media Program continued to support organizations that have demonstrated a strong leadership role in the emergence of the field and to encourage new projects and artists just entering this area.

In 1983-84, the Media Program made awards to 80 organizations for 145 projects. Of the program's allocation of \$1,200,000, \$300,000 was directed toward production and post-production of video and audio art, documentary and narrative projects. Substantial levels of support were awarded for exhibition, distribution and services. It was a year of expanded activity in all three of these areas.

Support was given to several organizations for first-time exhibition projects; organizations that received funding for providing distribution services developed new clients here and abroad; and the Media Alliance, the principal service organization for the field developed new cooperative programs with industry. The program continued to provide funds for 3 state-wide regrant programs in which institutions match Council funds that are then made available to individual artists. Development support was given for the creation of a new rough-edit facility in New York City. Support was continued for service organizations that have created collaborations with commercial fine-editing facilities that offer substantial reductions in their hourly rate for media artists.

#### **Artist-in-Residence**

Asian Cine-Vision; Manhattan  
\$3,000

Bronx Museum of the Arts  
\$8,000

Global Village Resource Center; Manhattan  
\$7,000

Harvestworks; Manhattan  
\$5,000

Holographic Film Foundation; Manhattan

\$5,000

Museum of Holography; Manhattan  
\$5,000

Rome Art and Community Center  
\$2,000

Visual Studies Workshop; Rochester  
\$6,500

Women's Interart Center; Manhattan  
\$14,000

Audio Art:

Pacifica Foundation; Manhattan  
\$5,500

Parabola Arts Foundation; Manhattan  
\$20,000

Roulette Extramedia Resources; Manhattan  
\$7,250

ZBS Foundation; Fort Edward  
\$12,000

Audio Documentary/ Narrative

Experimental Intermedia Foundation; Manhattan  
\$7,500

New Radio and Performing Arts; Manhattan  
\$4,000

Portable Channel; Rochester  
\$6,700

Radio Foundation; Manhattan  
\$8,000

WSLU-FM; Canton  
\$2,769

Cable TV Series:

TV Center for New Art Activities; Manhattan  
\$5,000

Collaborative Projects; Manhattan  
\$3,500

Greenburg Community Video; Hartsdale  
\$1,500

Queens Council on the Arts  
\$5,000

Visual Studies Workshop; Rochester  
\$2,000

Equipment Purchase:

Artmusic; Brooklyn  
\$1,000

Experimental Television Center; Owego  
\$2,250

Hallwalls; Buffalo  
\$1,000

Institute for Art and Urban Resources; Queens  
\$2,500

Radio Foundation; Manhattan  
\$3,200

Women's Interart Center; Manhattan  
\$7,516

Exhibition:

American Indian Community House Gallery; Manhattan  
\$2,800

Artmusic; Brooklyn

\$3,000

Asian Cine-Vision; Manhattan

\$5,000

Astoria Motion Picture and Television Center Foundation; Queens

\$5,000

Chautaugua-Cattaraugus Library; Jamestown

\$1,715

Experimental Intermedia Foundation; Manhattan

\$5,000

Film Art Fund; Manhattan

\$13,500

Free Media; Manhattan

\$3,100

Global Village Resource Center; Manhattan

\$12,000

Haleakala; Manhattan

\$30,000

Hallwalls; Buffalo

\$6,266

Institute for Art and Urban Resources; Queens

\$3,000

Locus Communications; Manhattan

\$4,000

Media Study; Buffalo

\$39,000

Mid-Hudson Library System; Poughkeepsie

\$5,400

Museum of the American Indian; Manhattan

\$3,476

Museum of Broadcasting; Manhattan

\$1,000

Museum of Modern Art; Manhattan

\$16,500

New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations; New York

\$1,640

Soho Baroque Opera Company; Manhattan

\$4,000

Soundart Foundation; Manhattan

\$4,500

Stream Dance; Manhattan

\$2,500

Tonawandas Council on the Arts; North Tonawanda

\$2,340

Video Repetorie; Manhattan

\$12,000

Visual Studies Workshop; Rochester

\$2,050

Whitney Museum of American Art; Manhattan

\$13,500

Women/Artist/Filmmakers; Manhattan

\$3,500

185 Nassau Street Corporation; Brooklyn

\$2,000

General Operating Support:

Artists' Television Network; Manhattan

\$10,000

Asian Cine-Vision; Manhattan

\$5,000

Downtown Community Television Center; Manhattan

\$46,000

Experimental Intermedia Foundation; Manhattan  
\$5,000

Experimental Television Center; Owego  
\$31,000

Inter-Media Art Center; Huntington  
\$22,000

Locus Communications; Manhattan  
\$21,841

Media Bus; Woodstock  
\$14,000

New Wilderness Foundation; Manhattan  
\$9,000

Portable Channel; Rochester  
\$12,500

Radio Foundation; Manhattan  
\$14,500

WSLU-FM; Canton  
\$4,000

Young Filmmakers Foundation; Manhattan  
\$55,500

Media Process:

Trisha Brown Dance Company; Manhattan  
\$4,000

Regrant Program:

Regrant Program Film Fund; Manhattan  
\$12,000

Inter-Media Art Center; Huntington

\$13,500

Media Study; Buffalo

\$25,000

Services to the Field:

Alternative Media Information Center; Manhattan

\$13,700

American Federation of the Arts; Manhattan

\$7,500

Arts and Business Council; Manhattan

\$6,000

Asian Cine-Vision; Manhattan

\$2,000

Earthscore Foundation; New Paltz

\$2,000

Electronics Arts Intermix; Manhattan

\$27,500

Film Art Fund; Manhattan

\$4,500

Foundation for Independent Video and Film; Manhattan

\$27,500

Haleakala; Manhattan

\$45,000

Harvestworks; Manhattan

\$5,000

International Film Seminars; Manhattan

\$2,500

La Mama Experimental Theatre Club; Manhattan

\$3,000

Locus Communications; Manhattan

\$250

Media Alliance; Manhattan

\$10,000

Media Study; Buffalo

\$21,000

Mid-Hudson Library System; Poughkeepsie

\$817

Museum of the American Indian; Manhattan

\$1,400

Museum of Modern Art; Manhattan

\$7,500

New York Foundation for the Arts; Manhattan

\$9,800

New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations; Manhattan

\$13,100

Pacifica Foundation; Manhattan

\$7,000

Port Washington Public Library

\$20,650

Raindance Foundation; Manhattan

\$20,000

Visual Studies Workshop; Rochester

\$5,000

Women's Interart Center; Manhattan

\$10,000

Young Filmmakers Foundation; Manhattan

\$5,000

185 Nassau Street Corporation; Brooklyn

\$6,000

Video Art:



Black Filmmaker Foundation; Manhattan  
\$12,000

Black Maria; Manhattan  
\$10,000

Committee for the Visual Arts; Manhattan  
\$10,000

Electronics Arts Intermix; Manhattan  
\$11,000

Experimental Television Center; Owego  
\$15,000

Hallwalls; Buffalo  
\$10,000

Institute for Art and Urban Resources; Queens  
\$15,000

Media Study; Buffalo  
\$10,000

Performing Artservices; Manhattan  
\$10,000

Port Washington Public Library  
\$18,000

Upper Hudson Library Federation; Albany  
\$2,000

Visual Studies Workshop; Rochester  
\$5,000

Video Documentary and Narrative:

Alternative Media Information Center; Manhattan  
\$8,000

An Claidheamh Soluis; Manhattan  
\$2,500

Earthscore Foundation; New Paltz

\$9,000

En Foco; Bronx

\$5,000

Frederick Douglass Creative Arts Center; Manhattan

\$9,970

Intentional Acts; Manhattan

\$4,500

Latin American Music in Alternative Spaces; Manhattan

\$12,000

New York Foundation for the Arts; Manhattan

\$10,000

Women Make Movies; Manhattan

\$5,000

Women's Interart Center; Manhattan

\$7,000

Writing and Video Art:

Asian Cine-Vision; Manhattan

\$2,000

Experimental Television Center; Owego

\$1,500

Film Art Fund; Manhattan

\$1,500

Film Library Information Council; Manhattan

\$1,500

Franklin Furnace Archive; Manhattan

\$1,500

Visual Studies Workshop; Rochester

\$3,000

Advisory Panelists:

Ed Bowes, Independent Video, Producer; Manhattan

Lynn Corcoran, Independent Video, Producer; Buffalo  
Ayoka Chenzira, Independent Producer, Program Director, Black Filmmaker Foundation;  
Brooklyn  
John Driscoll, Audio Artist; Brooklyn  
Robert Kanter, Independent Producer; Manhattan  
Lillian Katz, Director, Media Services, Port Washington Public Library; Port Washington  
Shigeko Kubota, Video Artist, Curator, Anthology Film Archive; Manhattan  
Nathan Lyons, Director, Visual Studies Workshop; Rochester  
Sherry Miller, Co-Director, Experimental TV Center; Newark Valley  
Karen Ranucci, Assistant Director, Downtown Community Television Center; Manhattan  
Edin Velez, Video Artist; Manhattan

Total Local Assistance Awards: \$31,993,080, Film: \$1,644,300 (1983-4)

### **FILM PROGRAM**

Director: B. Ruby Rich

Program Analyst: Debbie Silverfine

During 1983-84, the Film Program disbursed \$1,644,300 to a total of 111 different organizations to carry out 168 different film projects.

Exhibition continues to be the major focus of Film Program support. More than \$500,000 went to this category, making possible year-round exhibition programs, special

festivals, the use of independent sites for showing new and experimental work and the film exhibition programs of major institutions. Touring exhibition programs continued to expand film offerings statewide. More awards were made to upstate film exhibitors than ever before, with many first-time awards for community-based programs.

Support for film production was increased, in recognition of the filmmaker's increasing difficulty in practicing this expensive craft. Twenty awards were made for film production in all genres of filmmaking, totaling just under \$300,000. For a list of filmmakers and projects funded through sponsoring organizations see page 148.

A special initiative was taken in the area of film distribution this year, with the creation of a pilot program aimed at giving distribution monies to films that had originally received Council production support. Ten such projects were funded, all with the intention of increasing the visibility and marketability of independent film. In addition, two different projects were funded to make this country's heritage of preserved films available to the public through distribution of prints of these restored works.

Finally, library acquisition reached a new stage of development with the funding of a project to create an on-going electronic Union Catalogue listing all film holdings in the public library system of New York State.

#### Acquisitions:

Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System; Jamestown  
\$27,000

Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library; Plattsburgh  
\$10,000

Mid-Hudson Library System; Poughkeepsie  
\$12,000

Mid-York Library System; Utica  
\$5,000

Ramapo Catskill Library System; Middletown  
\$2,500

Southern Adirondack Library; Saratoga Springs  
\$5,000

Wayne County Library System; Newark  
\$3,300

#### Distribution for NYSCA Funded Films:

Citiview Film Projects; Manhattan

\$3,000

Community Environments; Manhattan

\$1,000

Film for Thought; Manhattan

\$3,000

Film Fund; Manhattan

\$8,000

New York Foundation for the Arts; Manhattan

\$11,000

PTV Production; Manhattan

\$3,000

185 Nassau Street Corporation; Brooklyn

\$3,000

Distribution:

American Federation of the Arts; Manhattan

\$20,000

Black Filmmaker Foundation; Manhattan

\$10,000

Movies on a Shoe String; Rochester

\$200

Museum of Modern Art; Manhattan

\$10,000

Women Make Movies; Manhattan

\$5,000

Equipment Access:

Latin-American Workshop; Manhattan

\$2,000

Media Study; Buffalo

\$8,000

Millennium Film Workshop; Manhattan  
\$17,000

Portable Channel; Rochester  
\$17,000

Young Filmmakers Foundation; Manhattan  
\$100,000

Exhibition:

Afrikan Poetry Theatre; Queens  
\$1,500

Altermedia; Staten Island  
\$8,000

Arts Council for Wyoming County; Perry  
\$500

Arts Council of Orange County; Middletown  
\$1,500

Asian Cine-Vision; Manhattan  
\$11,000

Astoria Motion Picture and Television Center Foundation; Queens  
\$11,000

Black Filmmaker Foundation; Manhattan  
\$5,000

Budapest-New York Theatre Arts; Manhattan  
\$2,500

Camera News; Manhattan  
\$10,500

Charas; Manhattan  
\$4,000

Chenango County Council of the Arts; Norwich  
\$1,200

Cinema Events Group; Manhattan  
\$6,000

Cinema 10; Potsdam  
\$3,500

Colgate University; Hamilton  
\$2,000

Collective for Living Cinema; Manhattan  
\$38,000

Committee for the Visual Arts; Manhattan  
\$4,000

Community Folk Art Gallery; Syracuse  
\$2,260

Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art; Manhattan  
\$2,500

Cornell University; Ithaca  
\$3,000

Crandall Library; Glens Falls  
\$6,980

Elmira College  
\$1,585

Film Society of Lincoln Center; Manhattan  
\$71,000

Finkelstein Memorial Library; Spring Valley  
\$1,500

GAME; Manhattan  
\$4,000

Greek Cultural Center; Queens  
\$3,500

Haleakala; Manhattan  
\$4,500

Hallwalls; Buffalo  
\$3,500

Hamilton Hill "Drop In" Arts and Crafts Center; Schenectady  
\$2,050

Ibero American Action League; Rochester  
\$4,000

Institute for Art and Urban Resources; Queens  
\$3,000

International Museum of Photography; Rochester  
\$5,000

Jewish Center of Greater Buffalo; Getzville  
\$5,000

Jewish Museum; Manhattan  
\$3,200

Lake Placid Association for Music, Drama and Art  
\$2,000

Latin American Music in Alternative Spaces; Manhattan  
\$3,000

Latin-American Workshop; Manhattan  
\$4,000

Mamaroneck Free Library  
\$1,200

Media Study; Buffalo  
\$34,000

Millennium Film Workshop; Manhattan  
\$7,000

Movies on a Shoe String; Rochester  
\$650

Moving Image; Manhattan  
\$50,000

Museum of the American Indian; Manhattan



\$2,588

Museum of Modern Art; Manhattan

\$25,000

New Community Cinema Club; Huntington

\$37,000

New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations

\$2,380

New York Shakespeare Festival; Manhattan

\$12,000

Parish Art Museum; Southampton

\$3,000

Port Washington Public Library

\$12,000

Portable Channel; Rochester

\$3,000

Queens Cultural Association

\$1,815

Sculpture Center; Manhattan

\$3,000

Syracuse Area Landmark Theatre

\$1,500

Syracuse Cultural Workers Project

\$6,000

Syracuse University

\$4,700

Upstate Films; Rhinebeck

\$17,000

Utica College Film Society

\$4,250

Visual Studies Workshop; Rochester

\$1,200

Whitney Museum of American Art; Manhattan  
\$15,000

Women/Artist/Filmmakers; Manhattan  
\$3,000

Women's International Film; Manhattan  
\$5,000

Women's Studio Workshop; Rosendale  
\$3,000

Woodside on the Move; Queens  
\$2,800

Yates County Arts Council; Penn Yan  
\$900

92nd Street YM-YWHA; Manhattan  
\$2,000

Film for Telecast:

Artnmusic; Brooklyn  
\$3,550

Independent Cinema Artists and Producers; Manhattan  
\$18,000

Media Study; Buffalo  
\$4,000

Film Production:

Alternative Media Information Center; Manhattan  
\$15,000

Asian Cine-Vision; Manhattan  
\$6,000

Cabin Creek Center for Work and Environmental Studies; Manhattan  
\$15,000

Camera News; Manhattan

\$10,000

Collective for Living Cinema; Manhattan  
\$25,000

Diva; Manhattan  
\$13,000

Film Fund; Manhattan  
\$18,000

Film News Now Foundation; Manhattan  
\$28,000

Living Archives; Manhattan  
\$20,000

Media Study; Buffalo  
\$12,000

Moving Image; Manhattan  
\$10,000

Now and Then Productions; Brooklyn  
\$15,000

Pandora Educational Film Center; Manhattan  
\$7,000

Portable Channel; Rochester  
\$10,000

Queens Council on the Arts  
\$5,000

Spiderwoman Theatre Workshop; Manhattan  
\$15,000

Theatre for the Forgotten; Manhattan  
\$15,000

Upstate Films; Rhinebeck  
\$16,000

Video Repetorie; Manhattan

\$15,000

Women's Interart Center; Manhattan

\$20,000

General Operating Support:

Astoria Motion Picture and Television Center Foundation; Queens

\$25,000

Information Services:

Alternative Media Information Center; Manhattan

\$14,000

Asian Cine-Vision; Manhattan

\$6,000

Astoria Motion Picture and Television Center Foundation; Queens

\$3,500

Black Filmmaker Foundation; Manhattan

\$12,000

Bronx Film Project

\$1,500

Cine Information; Manhattan

\$9,000

Clearinghouse for Arts Information; Manhattan

\$7,000

Educational Film Library Association; Manhattan

\$24,000

Film Fund; Manhattan

\$13,000

Foundation for Independent Video and Film; Manhattan

\$42,300

Independent Feature Project; Manhattan

\$17,000

Media Center for Children; Manhattan  
\$25,000

Mid-Hudson Library System; Poughkeepsie  
\$7,352

Museum of the American Indian; Manhattan  
\$1,400

New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations; Manhattan  
\$10,000

Presentation and Archival Activities:

International Museum of Photography; Rochester  
\$30,000

Museum of Modern Art; Manhattan  
\$30,000

Museum of the American Indian; Manhattan  
\$400

Publication:

Asian Cine-Vision; Manhattan  
\$3,000

Circulo de Cultura Cubana; Manhattan  
\$3,000

Film Fund; Manhattan  
\$9,500

Foundation for Independent Video and Film; Manhattan  
\$15,000

Millennium Film Workshop; Manhattan  
\$6,000

Visual Studies Workshop; Rochester  
\$3,000

Wedge Press; Manhattan

\$2,500

Regrant Program:

Writers Guild of America, East, Foundation; Manhattan  
\$42,000

Young Filmmakers Foundation; Manhattan  
\$50,000

Touring Film Exhibition:

American Federation of the Arts; Manhattan  
\$5,000

Collective for Living Cinema; Manhattan  
\$4,000

Free Media; Manhattan  
\$15,000

Jewish Media Service of the National Jewish Welfare Board; Manhattan  
\$4,000

Workshops:

Bronx Museum of the Arts  
\$5,000

Brooklyn Arts and Culture Association  
\$9,040

Camera News; Manhattan  
\$6,500

Collective for Living Cinema; Manhattan  
\$5,000

Frederick Douglass Creative Arts Center; Manhattan  
\$4,000

International Film Seminars; Manhattan  
\$7,500

Latin-American Workshop; Manhattan

\$2,000

Media Study; Buffalo

\$8,000

Millennium Film Workshop; Manhattan

\$3,000

Women's Interart Center; Manhattan

\$40,000

Young Filmmakers Foundation; Manhattan

\$5,500

Advisory Panelists:

Bruce Jenkins, Programmer, Media Study/Buffalo; Buffalo

Lillian Jimenez, Executive Director, Latino Film and Video Center; Manhattan

Joanne Koch, Executive Director, Film Society of Lincoln Center; Manhattan

David Liu, Producer, Director; Manhattan

Christine McDonald, Director, Crandall Library; Glens Falls

Yvonne Rainer, Filmmaker, Choreographer; Manhattan

Pedro A. Rivera, Filmmaker; Manhattan

Lawrence Sapadin, Executive Director, Foundation for Independent Video and Film;  
Manhattan

Jacqueline Shearer, Filmmaker; Manhattan

Charlotte Sky, Co-Director, New Community Cinema; Huntington

Irwin Young, Director, Duart Film Laboratories; Manhattan